MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivadrum*): May I know whether, since the present Superintendent, Central Prison, took charge, there is not room for the complaint that he is having more members of *his* community in the Central Prison? (*Laughter.*)

Principles followed in making appointments in the Anchal Department.

255. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the appointments in the Anchal Department, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what are the principles or criteria, other than service and general qualifications, observed in the department for (i) confirmation and (ii) promotion; and

(*b*) whether any violation of the general rule has been made in the case of any during the last three years up to date (30-11-1107), and, if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Passing of the Anchal Departmental Examination or exemption by Government from passing the examination in deserved cases. Efficiency is also taken into account in the matter of promotion.

(*b*) No.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know in how many cases, during the last two years, exemption was granted from passing the Anchal Test?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

Purchase of milk for the Central Prison.

256. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sum now spent yearly for the purchase of milk in the Central Prison;

(*b*) whether the milk used is Nestle's Ideal Swiss condensed milk;

(*c*) the average daily number of sick persons in the Jail Hospital and the average quantity of milk used per head;

(*d*) whether there is any difference between the market rate of this milk and the rate at which it is supplied to the Prison; and

(*e*) whether the authorities have tried whether local cow's milk could not be procured for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 1,000 per annum.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 6. 9·93 oz. per head.

(*d*) Yes. The rate at which the milk is supplied is Rs. 3 per case of 4 dozens of tins less than the market rate.

(*e*) Yes.

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